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March 11, 2016

Mr. Timothy P. Probst PO Box 87936 Vancouver, WA 98687

And sent via email: Pdamm2@comcast.net

Subject: Complaint filed by Mike Tiufekchiev, PDC Case 3204

Formal Written Warning

Dear Mr. Probst:

We received a complaint filed by Mike Tiufekchiev on February 23, 2016 alleging that the Tim Probst for Senate campaign may have violated RCW 42.17A.405(14) by accepting over-limit campaign contributions from Southwest Washington Electricians PAC 48 (SWE PAC 48), and IAFF Local 452 (IAFF 452).

PDC staff have reviewed the allegations and found the following:

- SWE PAC 48 contributed \$900 to the Probst campaign on 2/18/2013. They made two more contributions of \$950 on 2/1/2016. This brings their over-limit contributions to \$900.
- IAFF Local 452 made two \$900 contributions to the Probst campaign on 2/13/2013. They made two more contributions of \$950 on 2/9/2016, bringing their over-limit contributions to \$1800.
- The Probst campaign reported the contributions on C3 reports dated 2/13/2013, 2/25/2013, 2/10/2016 and 2/14/2016. The total reported over-limit contributions equal \$2700.
- Tim Probst has no previous violations of PDC laws and rules.

After reviewing your campaign's C3 reports from 2013 and 2016, it appears that the over-limit contributions were accepted and reported, which appears to constitute a violation of RCW 42.17A.405(14).

In accordance with WAC 390-37-060(b), this is a Formal Written Warning. You are instructed to bring your campaign into compliance with RCW 42.17A.405(14) by returning the over-limit campaign contributions and correcting your campaign reports.

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If the over-limit contributions are returned and these corrections are made within 30 calendar days of the date of this letter, this matter will be considered resolved. If there are future violations of PDC laws or rules, the Commission will consider this Formal Written Warning in deciding on further Commission action. If you fail to correct this situation, the PDC will reopen this complaint, and you may face an enforcement action.

If you have questions, you may contact Jacob Berkey at (360) 586-4555 or Jacob.Berkey@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Fielding Lopez

Executive Director

Enclosure: Letter to Mike Tiufekchiev